

SB 5354 - H AMD 847

By Representative Simpson

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1 Beginning on page 1, line 18, after "islands" strike all material
2 through "boundaries" on page 2, line 4, and insert "that receives
3 medical services from a hospital district, but is prevented by
4 geography and the absence of contiguous boundaries from annexing to
5 that district"

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7 Beginning on page 2, line 16, strike all of section 3 and insert
8 the following:

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10 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HOSPITAL CAPITAL
11 FACILITY AREA--BALLOT PROPOSITIONS. (1)(a) Upon receipt of a
12 completed petition to both establish a public hospital capital
13 facility area and submit a ballot proposition under section 7 of this
14 act to finance public hospital capital facilities and other capital
15 health care facilities, the legislative authority of the county in
16 which a proposed public hospital capital facility area is to be
17 established shall submit separate ballot propositions to voters to
18 authorize establishing the proposed public hospital capital facility
19 area and authorizing the public hospital capital facility area, if
20 established, to finance public hospital capital facilities or other
21 capital health care facilities by issuing general indebtedness and
22 imposing excess levies to retire the indebtedness. A petition
23 submitted under this section must be accompanied by a written request
24 to establish a public hospital capital facility area that is signed by
25 a majority of the commissioners of the public hospital district
26 serving the proposed area.

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1 (b) The ballot propositions must be submitted to voters of the
2 proposed public hospital capital facility area at a general or special
3 election. If the proposed election date is not a general election,
4 the county legislative authority is encouraged to request an election
5 when another unit of local government with territory located in the
6 proposed public hospital capital facility area is already holding a
7 special election under RCW 29A.04.330. Approval of the ballot
8 proposition to create a public hospital capital facility area requires
9 a simple majority vote by the voters participating in the election.

10 (2) A completed petition submitted under this section must
11 include:

12 (a) A description of the boundaries of the public hospital capital
13 facility area; and

14 (b) A copy of a resolution of the legislative authority of each
15 city, town, and hospital district with territory in the proposed
16 public hospital capital facility area indicating both: (i) Approval
17 of the creation of the proposed public hospital capital facility area;
18 and (ii) agreement on how election costs will be paid for ballot
19 propositions to voters that authorize the public hospital capital
20 facility area to incur general indebtedness and impose excess levies
21 to retire the general indebtedness."

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23 On page 3, line 16, after "facility" insert "area"

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25 On page 3, line 21, after "proposed" strike "district" and insert
26 "public hospital capital facility area"

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28 On page 5, at the beginning of line 36, strike "chapter 70.44 RCW"
29 and insert "this chapter"

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EFFECT: (1) Removes a provision that requires island counties choosing to establish a public hospital capital facility area (hospital facility area) to have a total land area of between 38 and 40 square miles. (2) Changes references in hospital facility area establishment provisions from "written request" to

"petition." (3) Changes an erroneous reference in provisions pertaining to limitations on legal challenges from "chapter 70.44 RCW" to "this chapter." (4) Specifies that approval of the ballot proposition to create a hospital facility area requires a simple majority vote by the voters participating in the election. (5) Makes numerous technical changes.

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